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FIREMEN TO RENEW FIGHT

Will Press Their Relief Bill Be-
fore the New Legislature
When It Meets.

THE BUREAU OF INSURANCE

Bill Providing for Its Establish-
ment to be Considered This
Afternoon.

The firemen of the State who have been pressing the bill for an appropriation to create a fund for the disabled of their class are not dismayed on account of the defeat of their measure in the Senate yesterday, but will have it reintroduced and renew their battle in the coming General Assembly, which will meet on January 12th.

Captain L. B. Lookbill, of Roanoke, who has been active in support of the bill, said last night that the fight was not over, but that he and his associates expected to win next year.

While the bill will lose a strong advocate in Hon. Charles T. Bland, of Portsmouth, it is understood that Hon. R. W. Withers, the new member from Nansemond, who will be one of the best speakers in the body, will patronize it at the next session. Mr. Withers is a fine man, and one of the most brilliant young men in Eastern Virginia.

The Senate Committee for Courts of Justice will hold a meeting this afternoon for the purpose of further considering the bill creating a bureau of insurance and defining the powers and duties of the proposed commission.

The popular impression now seems to be that the bill will be reported favorably, with an amendment putting the election of the commissioner in the hands of the Corporation Commission instead of the Legislature. Good lawyers on the Senate committee contend that the bill, as it came from the House, is unconstitutional, and that in order to have it passed, the bill must be amended so that the commissioner must be elected by the Corporation Commission. Some other amendments safeguarding the laws against wildcat companies will be reported.

Hon. S. S. Slimmerman, member of the House from Wythe county, was in his seat yesterday for the first time during the short session, and was warmly greeted by his colleagues. Mr. Slimmerman came in after the body had been called to order and members crowded around him to shake hands and to assure him of their gratification at his recovery. It will be recalled that Mr. Slimmerman has been in bad health for a long time, and recently underwent a delicate operation at the Memorial Hospital in this city. He is still under the care of Dr. Johnston, though he is able to be out. He did not stand for re-election to the House last fall, owing to ill health, though he could have easily been nominated had he again sought the honor. He will be succeeded on January 12th by Dr. Sayers, who has hitherto represented his county in the House.

Former Senator Fred M. Parrish, of Gloucester, is in the city, and is stopping at Murphy's.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.
Leigh Street School to Have a
Celebration.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Sunday school of the Leigh Street Baptist Church will be celebrated very shortly. The semi-centennial will occur on Christmas Day

when a special programme will be rendered. A class of children is being trained for songs and cantatas. There will be several two-minute talks and Santa Claus will also be there. The anniversary of the church itself will take place on Sunday, December 27th, and special services will be held morning and night. The occasion promises to be a very interesting one. Some of the ministers who have gone out from the church will take part.

FINE SHOWING OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Bible Society of Virginia held Monday afternoon the contributions for the month of November were shown to exhibit an increase of 102 per cent. over the corresponding month of last year. The following new members of the society were elected: Dr. F. T. McFadden, Dr. W. J. Young and Rev. George H. Spooner. A committee composed of the Methodist ministers of the board, was appointed to arrange for the anniversary meeting in April, when a Methodist will deliver the address. A donation of Testaments was made to the Laurel Reformatory. Nearly fifteen hundred Bibles and Testaments have been purchased from the society recently for the State penitentiary.

BANNISTER CASE.

Will be Called in the Police Court To-day.

The case of George Bannister, who is charged with selling liquor on Sunday, November 22d, will be called in the Police Court this morning.

The witnesses summoned to appear in the case are: C. P. Hill, J. W. West, C. H. Rosenfield, Reginald Walker, Arthur Hassen and Mr. Nunnally.

Messrs. Weidenburg and Turpin will appear as counsel for Bannister.

Father Bowler Sick.

Rev. Father Bowler, vicar general of the Catholic Diocese of Virginia, is ill at the Episcopal residence.

Father Walters, of the Sacred Heart Church of Manchester, who has been quite sick, is improving.

MEMORY MENDING.

What Food Alone Can Do for the Memory.
The influence of food upon the brain and memory is so little understood that people are inclined to marvel at it.

Take a person who has been living on improperly selected food and put him upon a scientific diet in which the food Grape-Nuts is largely used, and the increase of the mental power that follows is truly remarkable.

A Canadian who was sent to Colorado for his health illustrates this point in a most convincing manner: "One year ago I came from Canada a nervous wreck, so my physician said, and reduced in weight to almost a skeleton, and my memory was so poor that conversations had to be repeated that had taken place only a few hours before. I was unable to rest day or night for my nervous system was shattered.

"The change of climate helped me a little, but it was soon seen that this was not all that I needed. I required the proper selection of food, although I did not realize it until a friend recommended Grape-Nuts to me and I gave this food a thorough trial. Then I realized what the right food could do and began to change in my feelings and bodily condition. This kept up until now, after 6 months' use of Grape-Nuts all my nervous trouble has entirely disappeared. I have gained in flesh all that I had lost, and what is more wonderful to me than anything else my memory is as good as it ever was. Truly Grape-Nuts has made me all over, mind and body, when I never expected to be well and happy again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

TO MAKE AN ORGANIZED EFFORT

Charity Organizations to Try to Prevent Indiscriminate Alms-giving.

An organized effort will be made to prevent indiscriminate alms-giving in Richmond. To this end a meeting of representatives from the different relief organizations and societies has been called for next Tuesday for the consideration of ways and means.

The meeting will be held at the instance of the Rev. George H. Wiley, superintendent of the Methodist Institute. Speaking of the matter yesterday, Mr. Wiley said:

"There are in Richmond quite a large number of professional beggars. In some instances they beg because it is an easy way to live. In most instances they beg that they may dissipate with what is given them.

"The meeting will be held at the instance of the Rev. George H. Wiley, superintendent of the Methodist Institute. Speaking of the matter yesterday, Mr. Wiley said:

"A gentleman that I know of, resolved that he would not be imposed on, so he carried the man to a corner grocery, bought him some cheese and butter, and his special request was that the tomatoes be put in a box and not in a basket, and he waited until the last was torn, the can of tomatoes opened, the cheese bitten and then he left with a smile of satisfaction on his face, and congratulations in his heart because he had discovered how to get ahead of imposters and plan safely his charities. He had not gotten out of sight before the fellow pressed the lid down on the tomatoes, dashed across the street to another place, a cheap grocery, exchanged the tomatoes for a half pint of whiskey and was again waiting for another victim.

"I know of a score of men who keep drunk months at the time on misplaced charity, or families who should work and get do not have to on account of misplaced charity.

"It would be of inestimable value if a representative from each organization for the relief of the poor, and if workers among the poor outside of any organization would compare notes and create a block list of all such cases for their mutual protection as well as for their good."

"To this end, I invite the persons indicated above to meet at the Institute for Christian Work on Tuesday, December 14th, at 11 o'clock."

SUPREME COURT TO TAKE A SHORT RECESS

The Supreme Court of Appeals will take a recess when the pending case now being argued is disposed of, and will call no more cases until the January term.

It is quite likely that the case will be disposed of to-day, though it may go over to to-morrow.

Proceedings in the court yesterday were as follows:

Morley vs. Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Company. Continued.

Washington National Building and Loan Association vs. Washington D. C. vs. Walling. Argued by Judge J. K. M. Norton for plaintiff in error and John M. Johnson for defendant in error, and submitted.

Southern Railway Company vs. Cooke, et al. Argued by Judge J. D. Hume for plaintiff in error and Lee &

Howard for defendant in error, and continued until to-morrow.

When argument in the last mentioned case, No. 85, is concluded, the court will not call any more cases until the January term.

ONLY THREE DAYS TO PAY POLL TAXES

There are only three working days left in which registered voters may settle their poll taxes with the city treasurer in order to qualify themselves for voting next year, the time expiring on Monday next.

Treasurer Phillips and a large force of clerks are on hand in the former's office each day to receive these taxes, and those required to do so are paying up rapidly.

Voters who are registered and who have not been properly assessed may obtain certificates from the clerk of the Hustings Court, and pay their taxes upon these. There has not been, nor will there be, any extension of time beyond Monday for the settlement of poll taxes.

SPECIAL RATES VIA SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY.

Account Southern Educational Association, Atlanta, Ga., December 29, 1909, January 1, 1910.

On account of the above occasion the Seaboard will sell tickets from all stations on its lines to Atlanta and return at rate of one fare, plus \$2.25, which includes membership fee. Tickets on sale December 29th, final limit January 3, 1910. For tickets and other information, apply to the undersigned.

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HOLIDAY RATES FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

The Southern Railway announces special holiday rates of one and one-third fares, plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip from all points for pupils and teachers of schools and colleges. Tickets on sale December 18th to 22d, upon presentation of certificates. Return limit January 8th.

Students won sale to the public December 23d, 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st, January 1st, returning limit January 4th.

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HARD ONES FOR NIXON

Pled With Embarrassing Questions Touching Ship-Building Company's Affairs.

WANTED ALL KEPT SECRET

Strong Efforts to Keep Secret Correspondence Bearing on French Underwriters.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—At the hearing in the United States Shipbuilding receivership proceedings to-day, Louis Nixon, president of the company, who has occupied the stand for some time, concluded his testimony and was followed by George W. Perkins, who gave the story of the connection of Morgan and Company, with the Shipbuilding flotation. His testimony, on direct examination, went to show that Morgan and Company's connection with the Shipbuilding Company consisted in supplying trust companies with money to loan the Shipbuilding Company, and in the sale of the Bethlehem plant. The defense made strong efforts to keep certain cablegrams and letters, bearing on the French underwriting, from being published, and at the close of the hearing, Mr. Guthrie pocketed the copy of one letter, the newspaper men being unable to obtain it.

SOME PENETRATING QUESTIONS.

Samuel Undermyer, counsel for the suing bondholders, continued the indirect examination of Mr. Nixon, with questions about the ability of the Shipbuilding Company to have continued its business without the Sheldon reorganization plan. Mr. Nixon declared that if the Bethlehem Company had paid dividends the Shipbuilding Company could have gone on.

"What was the cause of the collapse of the Shipbuilding Company?" asked Mr. Undermyer.

"The suit, which your clients started," answered Mr. Nixon, but Mr. Undermyer, unsatisfied, made him admit that the promulgation of the Sheldon reorganization plan was a confession of insolvency.

Mr. Nixon became quite angry at a line of questioning aiming to bring out that he was a co-promoter with Young in the formation of the company, and that part of the price paid him for the Crescent yards was really his promoter's profits.

MORGAN & CO.'S CONNECTION.

Mr. Perkins took the stand after recess to testify to the connection of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Company with the flotation of the Shipbuilding Company.

In August, 1902, he said, he was approached by Mr. Pam, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Dresser, who wished to obtain from Morgan and Company, a loan for the Shipbuilding Company. Mr. Dresser represented to him on August 11th that a large amount of the Shipbuilding securities had been underwritten in France; that the money would arrive in a week or ten days, saying that as a firm Morgan and Company could have no connection with the shipbuilding industry. The next day, after another conversation with Mr. Dresser, Mr. Perkins, in behalf of his firm, agreed to deposit \$750,000 in each of three trust companies for ten days.

Mr. Dresser having represented that these trust companies were willing to take an interest in the Shipbuilding Com-

pany if they had the necessary funds to loan.

Morgan and Company were willing to aid the Shipbuilding Company to this extent, he said, because the existence of the Shipbuilding Company would be advantageous to the Steel Corporation, and because the sale of the Bethlehem had been represented to Morgan and Company by Mr. Schwab as a highly desirable arrangement for the Steel Company.

Mr. Undermyer pressed him with questions about the knowledge Morgan and Company had of the French underwriting and of the security upon which Mr. Dresser obtained the money from the trust company, but Mr. Perkins insisted that those were details in which his company was not concerned.

COMMENDED TO THE FRENCH.

Mr. Perkins was then asked about a cablegram sent by him to the Paris house, Morgan, Harjes and Company, on July 30, 1902. Mr. McCook, of Alexandria, and Green, Mr. Perkins said, had requested several times that he cable to Morgan, Harjes and Company some representation that would aid the French underwriting, and he had finally consented to send a cablegram, which he worded as follows:

"Mr. C. M. Schwab and his friends are interested in the new shipbuilding company here, and will be very glad to have you take as cordial a view of it as is consistent."

Mr. Perkins produced the letter received in reply, which was admitted as evidence, but not made public.

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MAN ABOUT TOWN

By HARRY TUCKER

We can't say how it is, but when we go off to a quiet spot like the postoffice steps or Seventh and Main Streets to ponder and think and call on the muse, so we can put some poetry on our cuff to give the kind public, something happens to dispel what inspiration might come our way, and we are attacked with a severe headache and have to get somebody else to do our thinking.

When we feel like that, we just like to get on a street car and go round and round, and when we do the wheels in our head also go round and round, and by the time we get back to Monroe Park, we look out the window and see that the seed and yellow season is here, and that the giant branches of the trees are swaying in the autumn breeze, while the fallen leaves rustle along and pile themselves up behind the fountain rail for protection, and the little man, who has charge of the grass in the park, with a

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, one of the most solemn and impressive festivals of the church year, was celebrated yesterday in all the Catholic Churches of Richmond. The occasion was a holy day of obligation and was observed as on Sunday.

At the Cathedral solemn pontifical high mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock by Bishop Van de Vyver, assisted by five priests. The music was of a very high order. The sermon for the occasion was preached by the Rev. Father De Mynck.

His Daughter Missing.

Joseph Carter, a colored man of Chesterfield county, is here in search of his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Carter, who has been missing from home since November 24th. He thinks that she was abducted.

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